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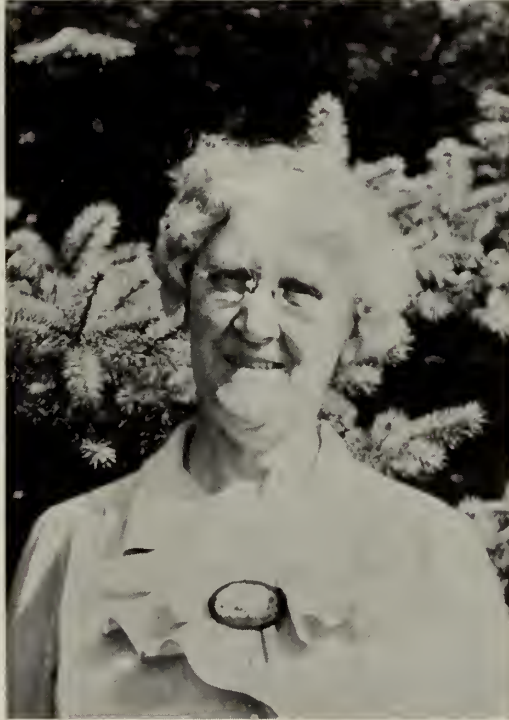
From the beginning of time, man has looked to the stars for guidance. We, professing to be neither seers nor astrologers, but rather seekers of light to show us the road of tomorrow, have turned to Zodiac, the wheel of constellations, for the theme of the Hamiltonian of 1947. These signs and their predications of the future, though of special interest to the seniors who now go forth into the world, should interest all. They are an indication of what we may expect as we cross the threshold to a fabulous era. Our glimpse at the stars reveal a future to be faced eagerly. Let us march forward to meet the challenge of the years ahead.



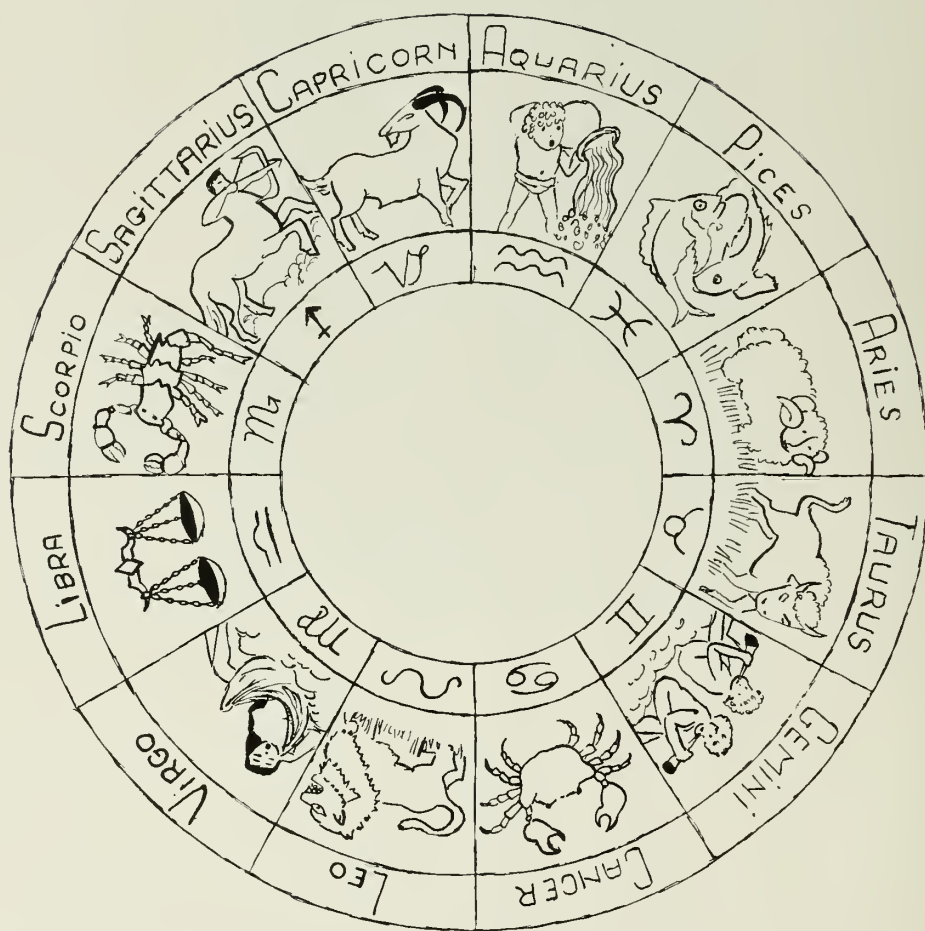
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Dedication



We, the students of Hamilton High School, wish to dedicate the Hamiltonian of 1947 to one of our most loyal teachers, Mrs. Laura Boyd. Her years of good work and patient understanding have made her a friend to all. Because her every thought is for the bettering of the school and the pupils, Mrs. Boyd has gained our admiration and respect.



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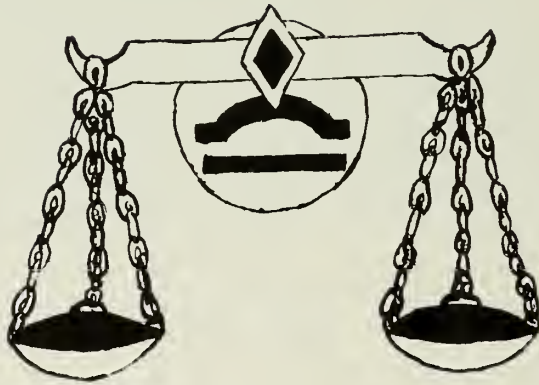
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Libra



Libra people have a high type of intellect. They can comprehend any subject, up to the most involved philosophical argument. They can analyze, explain, and pass judgment on all sorts of difficulties with complete detachment.

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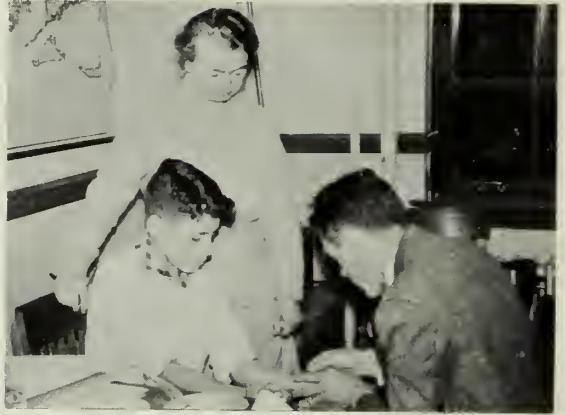


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Instructor of Business Arithmetic; U. S. History; Physical Education.



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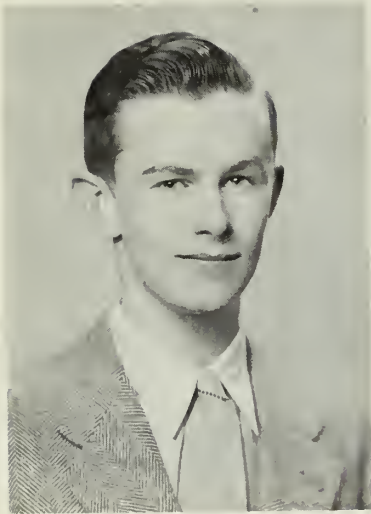
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SENIORS



This influence makes them intellectual, analytical, full of wit, and accomplishments.

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George Andrews

April 1

George, a native of Aries, is the Pioneer type. In his quiet manner George is ever ready to help where his help is needed.

Outing Club 1; Baseball 2,3,4; Varsity Club 3,4; Athletic Association 3; Mass. Boys' State 3.

Creighton Blenkhorn

August 28

Creighton, born under the sign of Virgo, is a clear thinker, and is high in the quality of Gymnastics. He is athletic by nature, and the pupils of Hamilton High School will long remember him as the basketball "champ" of 1947.

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 4; Pinafore 3; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Baseball 3; Glee Club 3; Athletic Association 2,3,4; Executive Committee 3,4.



Leroy Carter

February 6

Born under the sign of Aquarius, Leroy is mechanically inclined, and makes it a useful hobby. Mike's friendship and willingness will long be remembered by his former classmates.

Outing Club 1; Rifle Club 2.



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Peter Chisholm

April 8

Pete certainly has taken his characteristics from his constellation, Aries. His happy-go-lucky attitude always has appeared at the correct time to cheer his disheartened classmates.

Glee Club 2; Student Council 1; Football 4.



Richard Cox

May 8

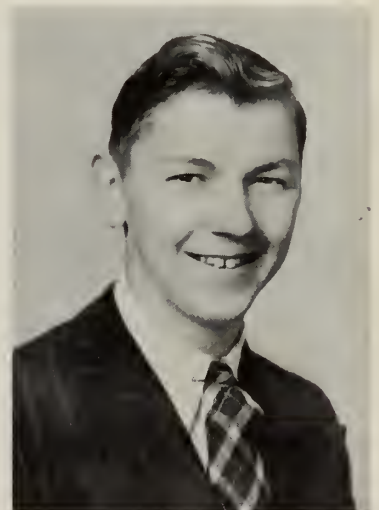
Dick, born under the Taurus sign is a very determined lad. He is adapted to farming and carpenter work, and is always on the job. Dick knows what he wants and with his vitality he can't miss.

Gordon Crosby

July 29

Gordon, born under the sign of Leo is musically inclined. No assembly would have been complete without his rythmical beat of the drums.

Junior Prom Committee 3; Orchestra 2,3,4; Outdoor Club 1; Varsity Club 3; Rifle Club 2; Pirates of Penzance 4.



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Ruth Dodge

October 7

Born under the sign of Libra, Ruth is a good planner. She has a high type to intellect and can analyze and pass judgement on any and all problems. She has a pleasing way and will be missed by all.

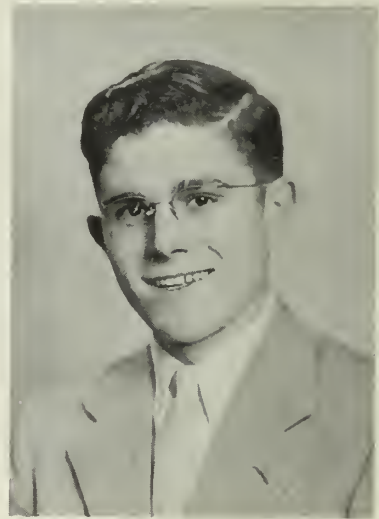
Hamiltonian Staff 4; Athletic Association 3.

Donald Foster

August 14

Born under the sign of Leo, Don is a very poised, ambitious, and gracious person. He has a natural understanding of intellectual problems. Don, our class treasurer, is well liked, and has a zest for leadership.

Constitution Award 1; Outing Club 1,2; Boys' Glee Club 2; Class Treasurer 2,3; Junior Prom Committee 3; President of Hi-Y Club 3,4; President 3; Pin afore 3; Class Ring Committee 3.

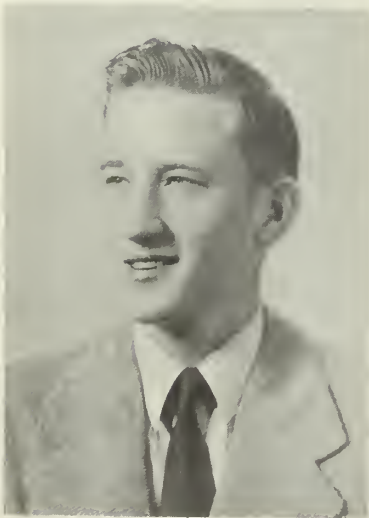


Richard Foster

August 1

Born under the sign of Leo, Dick has a natural command of any situation. He likes people and his leadership springs from his force of will power. Dick has shown how hard he can work by his efforts in preparing the "Hamiltonian" of 1947.

Class Vice President 2,3,4; Mass. Boys' State 3; Basketball 2,3,4; Football 3,4; S,A,R, History Award 3; Co-Editor of Yearbook 4; Outdoor Club 2,3; Rifle Club 2,3; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Hi-Y 3,4;



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Ena Gardiner May 8

Born under the Sagittarius sign, Ena has a high type of mind and makes a perfect leader. She is big hearted, understanding, broad minded and humorous. We know she will succeed in anything she undertakes.

Junior Prom Committee 3; Glee Club 3,4; Pinafore 3; Mass. Girls' State 3; Public Speaking Contest 3; Pirates of Penzance 4; Hamiltonian Staff 4; Daughters of American Revolution 4.



Jean Gourdeau April 16

Born under the sign of Aries, Jean is well able to carry out all her plans. She is witty and has an air of independence. She will progress in artistic efforts as shown by her posters which appeared in Hamilton High School.

Cheerleading 2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Hockey 3,4; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Pinafore 3; Tennis Club 2; Outing Club 2; Pirates of Penzance 4; Hamiltonian Staff 2,3,4; Athletic Association 2,3,4; Pop Concert 2; Glee Club 3,4; Junior Prom Committee 3.

Joan Gourdeau April 16

A true Arien, Joan is top heavy with personality. She will stick to a task until it is completed, and to this her classmates will vouch.

Cheerleading 2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Hockey 3,4; Tri-Hi-Y, Treasurer 3, Vice-President 4; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Tennis Club 3; Outing Club 2; Pirates of Penzance 4; Hamiltonian Staff 2,3,4; Athletic Association 2,3; Junior Prom Committee.



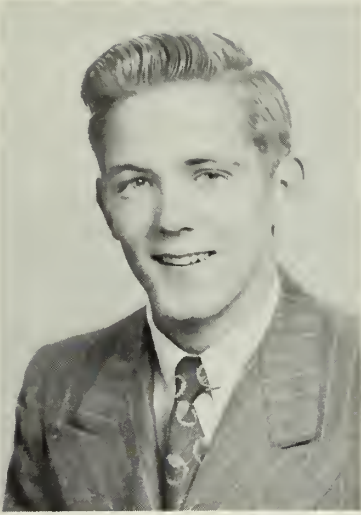
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Donald Haraden

June 4

Born under Gemini, Don is intellectual and witty. The class of 1947 will long remember his jokes and his brilliant athletic career.

Baseball 2,3; Basketball 3,4; Football 4; Junior Prom Committee 3; Hi-Y Club 3; Senior Planning Committee 4; Varsity Club 2,3,4.



Mary Harrigan

March 8

Born under the sign of Pisces, Mary is enthusiastic in sports and makes a wonderful basketball guard. She is very cooperative and quickly lends a helping hand to all who need her assistance.

Yearbook Staff 2,3; Business Manager 4; Class Secretary 2,3,4; H.H.S. Pinafore 4; Pirates of Penzance 4; Tri-Hi-Y Secretary 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Field Hockey 3,4; Outing Club 1,2; Pop Concert 1,3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Class Ring Committee 3; Athletic Association 2,3; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Executive Committee 3; Glee Club 3,4.

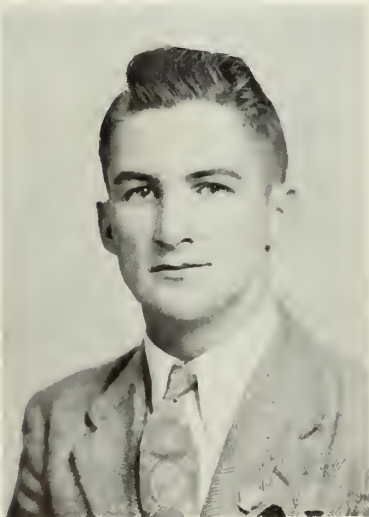


Gerald Killam

December 23

Born under the sign of Capricorn, Jerry is an exceedingly ambitious person. He can adjust himself to any hardship to attain an end, and he is very self-confident. These characteristics did show while he participated in Hamilton High sports events.

Class President 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1; Varsity Club 2,3; Vice President 4; Fire Squad 2,3,4; Athletic Association 2,3.



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Donna Jean Love

October 18

Born under the sign of Libra, Donna has a happy-go-lucky personality. She is very active and creative. We will remember her most for her mischievous nature.

Pop Concert 2,3; Pirates of Penzance 4; Pinafore 3; Cheerleading 1,2,3,4; Basketball 4; Glee Club 1,2,4; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Modern Dance 2; Tennis Club 2; Hamiltonian Staff 4; Junior Prom Committee 3; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y, President 3,4; Fire Squad 3,4; Outdoor Club 2; Athletic Association 1,2,3,4.



Ann McLean

February 13

Ann was born under the Aquarius sign. She is very active in sports, and everyone will remember her as captain of the girls' hockey team. Wherever Ann is, there is bound to be sunshine.

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Modern Dance 2; Outdoor Club 2; Field Hockey 3,4; Tennis Club 2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 4; Pinafore 3; Hamiltonian Staff 4; Pirates of Penzance 4; Senior Reception Committee.



Betty Morris

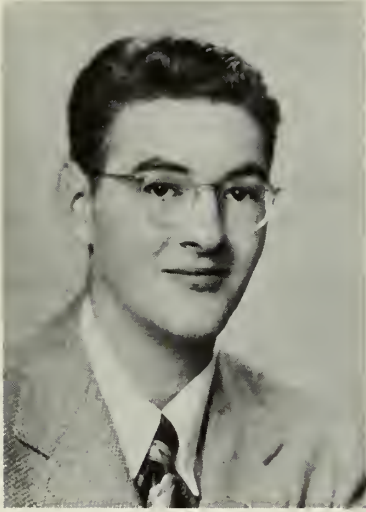
September 23

Betty, born under the sign of Virgo, is quiet and industrious. She is willing to advance to success by hard work. A personality like Betty's is hard to find.

Glee Club 1; Hockey 3; Pop Concert 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Athletic Association 2,3; Hamiltonian Staff 4; Outing Club 2,3; Dramatic Club 2.



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Raymond Moulton

June 15

Born under the sign of Gemini, Ray has a Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde personality. He is very musically inclined. Ray was right out on top in the Pirates of Penzance.

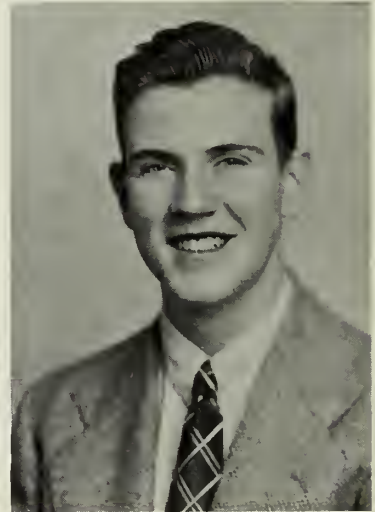
Orchestra 2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Varsity Club 3,4; Pinafore 3; Pirates of Penzance 4.

Phillip Perkins

September 25

Born under the sign of Libra, Phillip is inclined to hold himself in reserve. However, he is always ready to offer advice, and usually has good judgment.

Science Club 1.



June Peters

June 4

Born under Gemini, June is a merry lass who is always in the highest of spirits. With June always is her charming smile.

Glee Club 2,3,4; Athletic Association 2,3; Pinafore 3; Pirates of Penzance 4; Hamiltonian Staff 4; Junior Prom Committee 3; Tri-Hi-Y Treasurer 2,3,4.

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Lois Peterson

January 29

Lois, born under the sign of Aquarius, is a very pleasant person. She is appreciative of good things, a little temperamental, and leans toward social affairs. Lois, with her sunny smile is sure to succeed.

Cheerleading 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Outing Club 1,2; Tennis Club 2,3; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Athletic Association 2,3,4; Pinafore 3; Public Speaking 3, 4; Pirates of Penzance 4; Hamiltonian Staff 4.



Elizabeth Pope

September 30

Betty, a Libran is well balanced and harmonious. Though active in sports, Betty did shine as guard on the basketball team.

Cheerleading 1; Field Hockey 4; Athletic Association 2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Outdoor Club 2; Tennis Club 2; Hamiltonian Staff 4; Pirates of Penzance 4; Pinafore 3.



Georgiana Tate

Born under the Capricorn sign, "Georgie" has a vigorous intellect which will help her through life. Though a fiery leader and very aggressive, Georgiana is a friend to all.

Field Hockey 3; Yearbook Staff 4; Athletic Association 2; Class Treasurer 1,4; Glee Club 2; Advertising Manager 4.



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Barbara Thompson

October 25

A native of Scorpio, Barb has personality-plus. She is energetic and active in sports. Barbara is successful in whatever she undertakes, and undertakes whatever she can find.

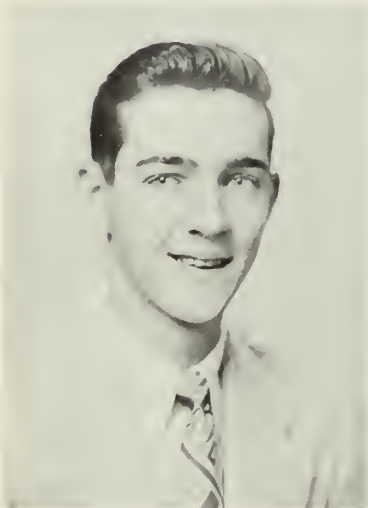
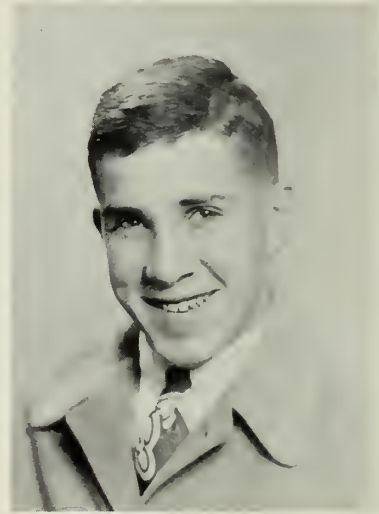
Basketball 2,3,4; Outing Club 1; Athletic Association 2,3; Hamiltonian Staff 4.

Walter Tillson

October 22

Being a native of Libra, Walter makes an interesting friend. He is very cool, reserved, and very amusing. Walter is quite willing to accept responsibilities and never loses sight of his objective.

Basketball 2,4; Varsity Club 3,4;



Richard Trembly

June 10

Born under Gemini, Dick has an extreme case of split personality. Dick is very quiet, but has a gleam of mischief in his eye. Dick's car is always ready to solve transportation difficulties for all.

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Shirley Wentworth

March 17

A native of Pisces, Shirley has a gay, jovial personality. She likes poetry and music, and has an inclination toward the unknown and mysterious. Shirley will be a success wherever she goes.

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Public Speaking 3,4; Pinafore 3; Pirates of Penzance 4; Hamiltonian Staff 4; President of Red Cross Club 2.



President

Elna Gardiner

Vice-President

Richard Epster

Secretary

Mary Harrigan

Treasurer

Georgiana Tate

CLASSES



They accomplish whatever they set out to do because they stick to the job, no matter how lengthy and tiresome.

Classes of 1948 and 1949



R. Brooks, N. Chittick, C. Cullity, R. Da resta, R. Deshon, D. Gardiner, D. Grant, M. Hatt, Z. Hughes, L. Keyser, S. Killam, H. Lander, T. Malone, R. Merry, H. Moad, B. O'donnell, B. Perkins, A. Pooler, J. Rice, E. Ricker, T. Seaver, E. Tillson, R. Thompson, H. Tobyne, R. Vickery, A. Wheatly, A. Whipple, B. Whipple.



J. Austin, G. Bilodeau, B. Cushman, D. Campbell, G. Campbell, M. Carlson, H. Clock, A. Cullity, A. DeWitt, A. Edmondson, F. Edmondson, W. Flynn, B. Haley, D. Hatt, W. Hatt, A. Lightbody, T. Malone, P. Marks, J. Peterson, R. Poole, W. Rauscher, G. Sargent, E. Seaver, R. Taylor, C. Thayer, J. Thompson, R. Tremblay, R. Trussell, M. Wilson.

Classes of 1950 and 1951



D. Allen, J. Allen, L. Amirault, T. Brown, D. Counihan, M. Croly, R. Cronin, F. Burns, R. Cullinane, J. DeCourcy, R. Dennis, J. Dixon, D. Grant, P. Holleran, S. Humphrey, G. Kersey, A. Maidment, J. McLean, E. Morrow, P. Nielson, D. Shannon, J. Tate, R. Tremblay, P. Wallace, D. Woodman, M. Fuller, J. Rauscher, B. Ricker, S. Sargeant, D. Schofield, J. Thimmer, M. Titus, E. Trepanier, A. Walke, B. Wentworth, G. Roy.



J. April, B. Bennett, M. Caverly, E. Clock, R. Dodge, E. Eskelson, G. Cardiner, R. Gourdeau, S. Gusoski, C. Harding, G. Jermun, D. Kinsella, L. Lander, A. Lombard, D. Love, A. MacCurrach, J. Maidment, J. Palm, J. Pariseau, G. Saunders, L. Schofield, E. Soper, V. Stelline, L. Tate, L. Tremblay, E. Wentworth, R. Wiggin, N. Wilson, J. Yeaton.

Class of 1952



G. Alberghini, J. Bennett, J. Blenkhorn, R. Crowell, A. Dagresta, J. Davis,
A. Eskelson, J. Emeney, D. Grant, S. Grant, R. Henley, W. Humphrey, K. Henley,
F. Johnson, E. Liscomb, R. MacCulloch, R. McPharland, B. Manthorne, E. Moad,
E. Rauscher, R. Ricker, L. Roy, M. Sabean, N. Stone, A. Taylor, C. Thayer,
S. Tindley, L. Tree, A. Trepanier, R. Washburn, C. Wadman, E. Walke, E. Walsh,
B. Wheatley, S. Wiggin.

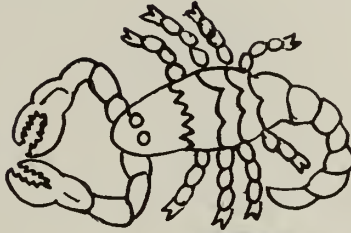


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Who's Who Hamilton High School 1947

Best Looking	DONALD HARADEN	DONNA LOVE
Most Popular	GERALD KILLAM	DONNA LOVE
Done Most for the School	ALVIN WHIPPLE	ENA GARDINER
Most Likely to Succeed	THOMAS BROWN	ENA GARDINER
Most Talkative	CHARLES CULLITY	SHIRLEY KILLAM
Most Athletic	CREIGHTON BLENKHORN	NANCY CHITTICK
Biggest Bluffer	GEORGE BILODEAU	JEAN RAUSCHER
Biggest Eater	PETER CHISHOLM	BETTY MORRIS
Biggest Flirt	ROBERT POOLE	BARBARA WHIPPLE
Best Dancers	GERALD KILLAM	SHIRLEY KILLAM
Worst Tease	WALLACE FLYNN	BETTY O'DONNELL
Best Sport	GERALD KILLAM	ANN McLEAN
Peppiest	GERALD KILLAM	SHIRLEY KILLAM
Quietest	THOMAS BROWN	CAROLYN WADMAN
Prettiest Eyes	DWIGHT CAMPBELL	THALIA SEAVER
Noisiest	CHARLES CULLITY	SHIRLEY KILLAM
Jolliest	CHARLES CULLITY	BETTY O'DONNELL
Best Student	THOMAS BROWN	ENA GARDINER
Most Versatile	ROBERT BROOKS	RUTH VICKERY
Most Dependable	ALVIN WHIPPLE	ENA GARDINER
Most Dignified	DONALD FOSTER	BARBARA HALEY
Most Sophisticated	RICHARD TREMBLEY	JEAN GOURDEAU

ACTIVITIES



These are constructive forces and make their natives energetic, cooperative and able to win out in a struggle.

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HONOR ROLL



(Left to right) First Row, F. Johnson, E. Walsh, A. Walk, L. Amirault, R. Cullinane, J. Bennett, N. Stone, J. Davis, P. Neilson, T. Brown, Second Row, M. Sabeau, J. Austin, T. Maione, A. Pooler, R. Degresta, R. Crowell, B. Bennett, J. Pariseau, Third Row, J. Gourdeau, M. Pooler, M. Harrigan, B. Haley, A. Eskelson, E. Gardnier, Fourth Row, T. Maione, R. Tremblay, A. Lombard, A. MacCurrach, R. Foster.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' GLEE CLUB



The Girls' Glee Club and the Boys' Glee Club have combined to produce three outstanding programs so far this year; namely, a music assembly on October 25, a Christmas Festival Concert on December 20, and the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Pirates of Penzance" on March 6, 7, and 8. They are now looking forward and planning the music for Commencement week when the Girls' Glee Club, especially, will assist at the Candlelight Baccalaureate service and will sing at the Graduation exercises. On March 17, a special chorus chosen from the Girls' Glee Club sang selections from "Pinafore" at the Mothers' Club. These programs have represented a broad variety of music, but the singers have cooperated with such enthusiasm and careful rehearsing that every performance has been a joy to the listeners as well as the performers.

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ORCHESTRA



Left to right (front) seated, G. Crosby, D. Love, J. DeCourcy, D. Love. Standing (left to right) Miss Austen, Director, R. Moulton, R. Brooks, T. Maione, I. Keyser.

The Hamilton High School Orchestra has rehearsed faithfully at least once every week, and often twice, and have performed at every fortnightly assembly, besides the Christmas Festival Program and the performances of "Pirates of Penzance." Individual members of the orchestra have performed as soloists in the Christmas program, as well as in Club-programs outside the school. On Monday evening, March 10, the orchestra entertained the Grange with orchestral numbers a trumpet solo, and clarinet duets. On the evening of the High School Exhibition, the orchestra launched the formal gymnasium program with a twenty-minute period of rousing marches, including the favorite N.C. 4.

CHEERLEADERS



(Left to right) Shirley Killam, Donna Love, Barbara Whipple.

The Cheerleaders have had another successful year. New uniforms, purchased with the proceeds of a football dance and made by Mrs. Hayden Childs, added color to our sports activities.

Shirley Killam was again elected head cheerleader, and again she guided us through eventful football and basketball seasons. Because of Mr. Hawkes' resignation, Miss Williams was appointed advisor, and the cheerleaders wish to express their appreciation to her for her great assistance.

Next fall the membership of the group will have to be increased. Good luck to you seniors of 1948 who will search for the additions.

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HI-Y AND TRI-HI-Y



(Left to right) First Row, W. Flynn, F. Edmondson, R. Trussell, D. Allen, P. Nielson. Second Row, R. Foster, B. Whipple, J. DeCourcy, D. Love, M. Harrigan, N. Chittick, B. Haley, M. Carlson, J. Rice. Third Row, Mr. Martini, Boys' Adviser, B. Ricker, R. Cronin, A. Edmondson, T. Seaver, H. Landers, J. Peters, J. Gourdeau, M. Wilson, S. Sargent, Miss Williams, Girls' Adviser. Fourth Row, P. Marks, D. Foster, D. Haraden, A. Whipple, R. Merry.

The Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs of Hamilton High are three years old this year. Since their inception they have progressed steadily. They now have a constitution, and the aspirants have to be in high standing scholastically, as well as in character, for membership in the organization.

The most significant activity of the Club this year has been the participation in the "Save the Children" drive, sponsored by a national relief organization. The object of this drive was to collect old clothes for the cold, ragged children of Europe. The students worked hard collecting these from around the town, and preparing them for shipment to New York. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who aided and contributed to this program.

The Hi-Y members still remember the long bicycle trip which they made last year. They had a wonderful, although "wet" time. All are looking forward to a similar excursion sometime this spring, and hope it will be as successful as last year's trip was.

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VARSITY CLUB



The Varsity Club was first organized in June, 1945. Since then the club's aims have been to better sportsmanship, further scholastic ability, and increase school activities in Hamilton High School.

A banquet will be held in the near future, at which time a president to serve the following year will be elected, and athletic awards will be given out.

An outing at Canobie Lake at Salem, New Hampshire is another event to take place this year.

The members acted as hosts and hostesses at a party given the boys' and girls' teams after our traditional Alumni basketball games.

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Sophomores Present One-Act Comedy



On the evening of December 13th, the Sophomore Class presented a one act comedy entitled "The Cure All" before a large and appreciative audience in the Maxwell Norman Auditorium. The parts were taken as follows: George Bilodeau, Augustus Babbitt, an old bachelor of about fifty. Wallace Flynn, Kent, Mr. Babbitt's nephew in the early twenties. Barbara Haley, Amanda Buakly, an old maid of about fifty. Barbara Butler, Doris Puchard, Miss Buakly's neice, about twenty. Gelean Campbell, Dr. Paul Harper, Kent's friend. Marie Carlson, Clara Morgan, a friend of Doris, and about her age. The plot centered around Augustus and Amanda who were making life unbearable, not only for themselves but for all concerned, with their constant bickering as to who was the rightful owner of their property. They had contracted a patent medicine habit in an effort to cure their imaginary ills. Complications came to a happy ending, when Doris and Kent, with the help of Clara and Paul, produced a "cure-all" which they tricked their aunt and uncle into taking. The medicine, which turned out to be plain water, not only cured their supposed ills, but changed their dispositions and hearts as well, so they rushed out to the nearby court house and were married. All parts are played extremely well by the members of the cast, but special credit is due George Bilodeau and Barbara Haley who portrayed the eccentric roles of Augustus and Amanda.

Not only was the play lots of fun and proved a dramatic success, but it was a real financial success as well. From the proceeds, the football boys' and girls' field hockey team enjoyed banquets, and the cast made a trip to Boston, where they attended a moving picture after which they enjoyed a very fine dinner at Pieroni's.

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PIRATES OF PENZANCE

This year the high school enacted a Gilbert and Sullivan production entitled "Pirates of Penzance". Miss Austin and the cast held their rehearsals regularly and soon found the words and music coming naturally. The time went very quickly and it soon was the day before opening night. They held their last rehearsal on Thursday afternoon before the Grammar school students. This took away most stage fright and prepared them for Friday night.

Friday night and everything was hustle bustle back stage! Miss Boswell, Miss Anderson and Mrs. Towne all helped to get the girls dressed. Once dressed, they went to Miss Williams, Mr. Martini, or even Mr. Towne and Mr. O'Neil for make-up job. Then they waited for first act curtain.

The cast was large, and included Robert Brooks as the Pirate King with fourteen pirate followers. William Rouscher was his pirate Lieutenant. Frederick, a pirate apprentice, was played by George Bilodeau. Major General Stanley, whose daughters are in danger of marrying the pirates, was played by Raymond Moulton. Roger Merry was the Sargeant of police and he led his fourteen men. Ena Gardiner played Ruth, a piratical maid, and of course there were General Stanley's fourteen beautiful daughters with Ruth Vickery as Mabel the favorite daughter. Mrs. Towne did an excellent job as accompanist for the play.

The play went on two nights, Friday and Saturday, and there was a full house both nights. The people seemed to like it very much.

After the performance Miss Austin was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and Mrs. Towne with a lovely corsage from the entire cast.

Thus ended another successful production by the Glee Club of Hamilton High School







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FOOTBALL



(Left to right) First Row, R. Brooks, C. Blenkhorn, H. Tobyne, Second Row, R. Foster, D. Haraden, A. Whipple, W. Hatt, J. Tate, G. Killam, Third Row, Mr. Martini (coach) J. Rice, R. Merry, D. Gardiner, R. Dennis (Manager).

The 1946 football squad reported for opening practice early in September, anxious and confident. Football is the newest of the sports additions to our school athletics, but it has nonetheless one of the most impressive and successful records. Many of last years veterans held a healthy respect for six-man football, and its "wide-open" aspects have appealed to spectators and to players.

When the season got into full swing the first team was, Bud Whipple at center, Haraden and Foster on the ends, Blenkhorn calling the signals, and Washburn and Killam composing the rest of backfield. Then there were such able subs as Brooks, Tobyne, Rice, Hatt, Gardiner and others.

The season went along fast and when everyone thought we were finished including the team, we got an invitation to play at Manning Bowl in Lynn between the halves of the schoolboy all-star game. We played our old rival Manchester. Although there was no score we smartly outplayed them and were award the ball used in the game. Many thanks go to Mr. Hawkes and Mr. Martini who put in so much time getting the team in shape. As a matter of fact they even donned uniforms on several occasions and scrimmaged with the team when we were short of players. The gratitude of the football squad and the school as a whole was expressed to Mr. Hawks in the form of a wrist watch and cigarette-lighter presented to him when he resigned from the faculty.

1946 FOOTBALL RESULTS 1946

	Hamilton	Opponent
Manchester	6	6
Salem, N. H.	6	20
Wrentham	45	0
Manchester	33	48
St. John's J. V.	31	20
Salem, N. H.	34	26
Duxbury	35	0
St. Johns J. V.	39	20

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FIELD HOCKEY



(Left to right) First Row, Coach Williams, Capt. Ann McLearn, E. Pope, C. Thayer, Manager. Second Row, D. Schofield, G. Sargent, M. Harrigan, J. Gourdeau, J. Gourdeau, N. Chittick, B. Butler. Third Row, A. Lightbody, A. Edmondson, B. Haley, M. Carlson, M. Wilson.

The Girls' Field Hockey Team opened their season for practice September 30th. The Girls needed a lot of practice, and for that reason they did not start playing until the season had been in full swing. The team was coached by Miss Marguerite Williams, who did a fine job. The girls played five games, they won one, tied one, and lost three. To end up the season, the funds from the play put on by Mrs. Boyd, were donated to the Field Hockey team for a banquet. The banquet was held at Strombergs in Salem.

Season Results

Hamilton 0	Topsfield 2
Hamilton 0	Topsfield 0
Hamilton 2	Topsfield 0
Hamilton 0	Danvers 3
Hamilton 0	Country Day School 1

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BOY'S BASKETBALL



Front Row: W. Flynn, D. Allen, P. Marks, G. Campbell, W. Tillson, P. Wallace, D. Campbell, W. Rauchser, R. Trusell.

Second Row: L. Keyser, (manager), R. Foster, G. Killiam, C. Blenkhorn, D. Haraden, J. Rice, R. Brooks, R. Merry, Mr. O'Neil (Coach), R. Dodge.

Mr. O'Neil, a new member of the faculty this year, took over the coaching job and with the whole varsity team back from last year, made a real fine squad. The first practice was called early in December, but because of the football team exhibition game in Manning Bowl, the practices were delayed for a few weeks.

The team started a successful year with a hard won 30-27 victory over the Alumni. With this as a start they bowled over their opponents, including among their victims, Rockport and Manchester. These were Hamilton's first victories ever in the Cape Ann League. At this point, an inspired Ipswich team gave Hamilton its first defeat. The feature of that night being the J. V's sudden death loss. Hamilton bounced back to four more wins and two losses to Manchester and Ipswich. The last game being by far the most exciting of the season at Hamilton lost 38-31. The seniors on the varsity squad alternated being captains and this proved quite successful, while Tillson and G. Campbell alternated as captains of the J. V's. The most credit should be given to Mr. O'Neil, who did a fine job, winding up the season with a won(10) and lost (3).

Varsity Hamilton	Results		Junior Varsity Hamilton
30	27 Alumni	(-)	(-)
68	55 St. Annes	33	32
43	27 Essex Aggie	21	12
47	39 St. Annes	11	42
54	27 Rockport	24	23
24	22 Manchester	11	20
25	53 Ipswich	27	25
50	40 Rockport	27	24
60	25 Essex Aggie	11	30
15	19 Manchester	16	20
38	36 Billerica	(-)	(-)
40	17 Billerica	(-)	(-)
31	38 Ipswich	38	19

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GIRL'S BASKETBALL



Front Row: B. O'Donnell, B. Pope, N. Chittick, M. Harrigan, D. Love, B. Thompson. Second Row: B. Butler, (manager), C. Thayer, J. Gourdear, A. Edmandson, A. McLean, J. Gourdeau, T. Seaver, Miss Williams (Coach). Third Row: A. Lightbody, B. Haley, G. Sargent (Asst. Mgr.), M. Wilson.

The Girl's Basketball season started after the Thanksgiving vacation with Miss Margurite Williams as our coach. We held our practices every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Nancy Chittick was elected Captain, Barbara Butler as manager, Gere Sargent as assistant manager.

We were not as successful as last year, winning one game out of eight, but we did prepare for next years team.

The girls deserve much credit for working hard to make the team successful. The teams consisted of sophomores, juniors and seniors.

First Team	Results
15	Alumni 20
25	Rockport 19
12	Ipswich 20
21	Rockport 28
13	Topsfield 16
12	Billerica 23
11	Beverly 27
18	Billerica 28
11	Ipswich 28
Second Team	Results
26	Rockport 30
10	Ipswich 16
11	Rockport 38
18	Beverly 19
14	Ipswich 23

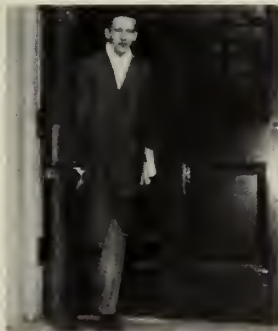
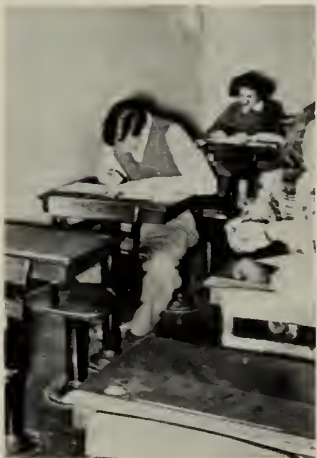
OUR BOY

E. Gardiner



OUR BOY

R. Foster



Class Histories

1947

In September, 1943, the present senior class entered the freshman year at Hamilton High with Mrs. Ramer as our home room teacher. Members of the class had chosen their courses and we all settled down to the responsibility of studying because now we were in high school and that meant we would have to work hard!

We entered our freshman year when the war was at its height. Practically everything was rationed and this situation tended to cut class activities. However, many of the class joined the Outing Club and enjoyed an outing in which bicycles were used for transportation. The main event of interest to the freshman that year was the Pop Concert at Christmas which was a great success.

We entered our sophomore year to find Mrs. Boyd our class advisor. Having only experienced her before as a study hall teacher, we were all cautious the first day as to what our fate would be. We soon lost any fears we might have harbored, and had one of our most successful years under her guidance.

This year Mr. Towne became our new superintendent; and, although it was difficult for some of us to adapt ourselves to the new rules and regulations, we have lived to find out they were for our own good.

Because of war rations, our dinners were cut down, our shop classes had a difficult time getting materials, and our athletic teams had difficulty in getting transportation. The pupils accepted these conditions with very little griping, but much of the fun which accompanies school was missing.

We were the top class in the school for the magazine sales, and the class became the possessor of the blue and white goat we had won and held for each day's sales. Many of the class attended a party given for those who had made sales. Another activity, a tea for our mothers, was a most enjoyable affair. After the tea, dancing was enjoyed by everyone, mothers, waitresses, clean-up committee, and Mrs. Boyd who joined us in a Virginia Reel. This being another war year, the school continued its project of sending Christmas packages to the boys in the armed service. Our class brought in money and gifts, and the girls assisted in the packing, wrapping, and mailing of the packages.

In March of this year, six boys in our class formed a basketball team and entered the Intramural contest. We defeated the ninth grade in our first game and went on to win over the juniors and be proclaimed the champs of the school.

A big event of the year was the Outing at Canobie Lake held by the newly formed Varsity Club, made up of all pupils who had earned letters in the school. Our class was well represented at the outing.

Our junior year--and a most busy year it was--opened in September under the supervision of Mr. Martini. Two of our former class mates were not with us, George Adams and William Campbell. "Hooker" joined the Navy and Bill transferred to Beverly High. A new member, Ena Gardiner, was welcomed and she has proved a great asset to the class. We held elections very soon after opening day: Gerry Killam was elected president; Richard Foster, vice-president; Donald Foster, treasurer; and Mary Harrigan, secretary.

Class rings were our first problem; and, after viewing the samples of several companies, we made our decision and the order was sent in, but we didn't receive our rings until the middle of May. In the early spring, the class sponsored a canteen night. We had a small bowling set, ping-pong tables, and card tables set up in one end of the gym; the other end was used for dancing to music supplied by records. Refreshments were sold and the affair proved



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quite successful financially, it gave us a little working capital for our prom. We used white and green streamers to form a low ceiling; and, to decorate the sides of the auditorium, streamers and evergreen boughs were used. Many spring flowers were in vases about the hall or woven into the fences on the stage and around the patron's booth. Billy Stone's orchestra supplied the music and everybody had a very enjoyable evening. Our prom was exceptional in that we not only cleared expenses but had a few dollars to the good besides! At last in September 1946, we were the high and mighty seniors! Mr. Bennett was our home room teacher. At our first class meeting, we elected the following officers: president, Ena Gardiner; vice-president, Richard Foster; secretary, Mary Harrigan and treasurer, Georgiana Tate. The first problem was that of class pictures. After much discussion, the class voted to have Roland Reid our photographer. We were all pleased with our pictures and had much fun swapping them among our classmates.

In order to raise money to help defray graduation expenses, we conducted a raffle for a Thanksgiving Dinner, a turkey with all the fixings! The turkey was raffled off at a dance. The venture netted us a profit of about sixty dollars. In January, we sponsored a whist party at the Community House; that affair gave us a profit of another sixty dollars, so the class now felt all set as far as finances were concerned.

In the fall, several of our boys played on the football team which had a very successful season and wound up by playing in Manning Bowl where they performed very well. We had four boys on the basketball team which also had a very good season. A great number of the seniors participated in the operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance" which was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Speaking for the senior class, I should like to say that we shall look back upon our days at Hamilton High with many fond memories of good times and good friends. We now look to the future with the eagerness that is characteristic of youth--some to pursue further education, some to enter the business world, and not a few to enter the field of matrimony! For a dozen full years we have studied, worked, and played together along the same pathway--now we have come to the fork in the road, and divers paths lead from it--some will take the high road and some will take the low road--hoping ultimately to reach our goal--success.

Richard Foster, '47

1948

This has been a busy year for the junior class. Upon entering school in September, we elected the following class officers; President, Alvin Whipple; Vice President, Richard Deshon; Secretary, Helen Jean Lander; Treasurer, Bernard Perkins. Mr. Armstrong, an old friend of ours, who has been patiently trying to pound chemistry into some junior's heads and who will continue to do so, is our homeroom teacher. We have many new teachers on our faculty list. Mr. Gero, shop teacher, replaced Mr. Hawkes; Miss Volk, Commercial, typing and shorthand, replaced Miss Walsh; Miss Williams, Commercial, gym and history, replaced Miss Donovan; Mr. Bennett, history and science, replaced his wife who took over his work while he was in the Army, and Mr. O'Neil, our basketball coach. Mr. O'Neil also teaches special classes as well as science, and Math, and he also aids students who need extra help. No wonder we can't find Bernard Perkins after school!

We welcomed a new member to our class this year. Ruth Vickery left Lynn English High possibly because she had heard about our junior star basketball player and thought she would try her luck at, shall we say basketball Ruth?

The junior class went all out for sports. Our boys made a wonderful showing on the football field, with Bob Brooks inspired by a certain red head; Jack Rice, who then had Chelsea on his mind; Roger Merry, cheered on by a cute blond sophomore; Alvin Whipple, who always ran with the ball, thinking he had Jess in his arms; and Henry Tobyne, who also has that certain redhead on his mind. Hold

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on Brooksie! David Gardiner also supported the junior class on the field. We won eight games, tied two, and lost two. We acquired the fine epithet of the best six man team around the North Shore. We were indeed proud to be asked to play in an exhibition game at Manning Bowl in Lynn along with the North Shore All Star game. Mr. Hawkes coached the team and he certainly did a wonderful job. The boys were sorry to lose him at the end of the season. The school presented him with a watch in appreciation of his fine work; and, at a victory banquet at Howard Johnsons' in Salem, the boys gave him a cigarette lighter. Anything on the menu for the boys, and they certainly took advantage of it. None deserved it more, said Tom Lester, guest speaker or the boys.

Next on our sport list came field hockey. In this the juniors were not well represented; but Nancy Chittick, all set to show Creighton how she can swing her right arm, worked hard for her letter. Be careful Blink! From the point of view of victories, the season wasn't very successful. Six games were played of which we won only one, but the girls had fun playing together.

The sophomore class presented a play to raise money for the athletic banquet. The girls went to Stromberg's, and enjoyed an excellent dinner. They were fortunate to have Miss Parrot from Danvers High as guest speaker. Miss Parrot gave an account of the growth of field hockey in England as well as in America.

Our boys did a wonderful job on the basketball team. They worked hard to take the lead for the Cape Ann Trophy but were not fortunate enough to win the deciding game with Manchester. On the team was our junior star player, Bob Brooks, who did better this year than ever; close behind was Jigger Rice, thought the best, at least by one junior; and Roger Merry known as the "Legs". Without the juniors, where would that team have been? We played thirteen games and chalked up ten victories. This year's team will not be forgotten and, juniors, when we get old and weary, we can think of those boys back at Hamilton High and say, "Oh Yes", I went to school with those boys!

The cheerleaders were right up there cheering our boys and certainly boosting their morale. Shirley Killam and Barbara Whipple brought in quite a sum to our class treasury with that new cheer of theirs. All kidding aside girls, you're doing an excellent job.

As midyear exams rolled around, certain roads of Hamilton were deserted for a few nights. For more information on that subject, contact Nancy or Creighton or maybe even the new Oldsmobile. Everyone studied hard and I don't believe the school was too disappointed in the juniors marks. Following this, a public speaking contest was held and a favorite of the junior girls, Helen Jean Lander, walked off with first prize, repeating last year's success.

We were proud to have a member of our class, Nancy Chittick, elected captain of the girls' basketball team. She won the honor over a senior candidate. What a blow to senior pride! We had one victory but just can't bear to think of the number of games we played. We had a wonderful coach, who never showed she was discouraged, but deep down in her heart we know she must have been because we all were too. Nancy and Betty represented the first team and also Thalia, when her mind wasn't leading Worcester way.

Miss Austin looks quite perplexed these days. We imagine it's because of the coming operetta, "the Pirates of Penzance". No wonder, she has on her hands nearly all the juniors. The romantic voices of Bob Brooks, King of Pirates, and Roger Merry, who leads the police force, are well brought out giving the girls quite a thrill. We'll have our autograph books ready that night, boys. Ruth Vickery is the leading lady, inspiring everyone with her lovely voice. We also hear she can sing the "Missouri Waltz" pretty well! Who plays the piano Ruth? Besides taking the part of Isabel, Thalia Seaver is understudying Ruth. Good luck juniors on the night of your debut.

Hamilton High has a well organized orchestra featuring Bob Brooks, Teddy Malone, and Leigh Keyser from the junior class, as the trumpeters. They are doing a fine piece of work. We girls think Teddy would make a wonderful looking bandleader, but what good is a bandleader who has no interest in girls?

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Again the magazine drive came to Hamilton High and Mr. Towne made a proposition to the juniors. He said, and I quote, "If the juniors sell the most magazines in the school, they may have half the profits from all sales". That was just what we needed and you can bet we went right after the sales. In spite of the stiff competition from the ninth grade, we came out on top, collecting \$276.75 in subscriptions. Our profits will take care of our prom, now all we need to do is find our man. Del thinks it is quite a trip from Worcester, but Thalia is determined. Maybe we should try her tactics girls!

Hamilton High presented an exhibition for parents and others interested in work done at the high school. After viewing the exhibit, guests were ushered to the domestic science rooms where they enjoyed some specialties of the H.H.S. cooking class. The kitchen did a thriving business passing out the eats. Work was displayed and each junior took part in something. A gym exhibition was enjoyed by everyone. The juniors who ushered their parents around were very careful to skip "certain rooms" where lower marks were on exhibit!

Everyone is now looking forward to the baseball season with Charlie Cullity giving commands on second base. They're building a platform out around second, Charlie, so we'll be able to see you this year! Mr. Bennett is to be the coach and we're sure Charlie is glad of that. They get along so well. Alvin Whipple, Leigh Keyser, Jack Rice, Roger Merry, Robert Brooks, Richard Deshon, and Henry T Byrne are all out for it. Again the juniors take the lead, ready to bring fame to H.H.S. Those baseball afternoons and evenings will be used to good advantage in more ways than one!

The rest of our junior year is ahead of us, and we all hope it will be as successful as the first part has been. Everyone looks up to our junior class you know. We would have them saluting in passing, but we haven't enough time between classes as it is. When we leave the junior class to become seniors, we know we'll be missed by Mr. Armstrong! So long, the next time you hear from us, we'll be the high and mighty seniors!

Betty O'Donnell '48

1949

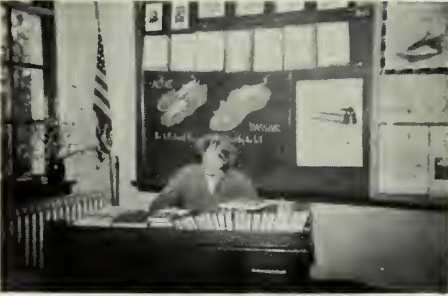
We started our sophomore year on September 9, 1946. Our new position giving us reason to be determined to study hard this year; but, as the newness of being back in school wore off, so did our determination. Mrs. Boyd was our homeroom teacher and class advisor. We elected officers as follows: president Wally Flynn; vice-president, Red Edmondson; secretary, Art Washburn, Jean Austin; treasurer, Dwight Campbell. On the first day of school an assembly was held to introduce the new faculty members, Miss Williams, Miss Volk, and Mr. O'neil. We had two new class members, Janice Thompson, and Artie Washburn.

The football and field hockey teams were soon organized. Sophomore boys who went out for football were Buddy Campbell and Warren Hatt. The team had a very successful year. The sophomore girls on the field hockey team were Barb Butler, Barb Haley, Mime Maione, Gere Sargent, Ann Edmondson and Marie Carlson.

The class had charge of an assembly December 6. Bobby Foole and Bobby Trussel did a comedy skit which was enjoyed by all. Ann Cullity delivered a dramatic selection, and our famous "barber shop quintet", Flynnie, Red Edmondson, George Bilodeau, Bill Rausher, and leader, Bobby Trussel, entertained us in their original ways.

December 13 rolled around much too quickly for the cast of the "Cure-All" which was presented that evening. The members of the cast were George Bilodeau, Barbara Haley, Wally Flynn, Gelean Campbell, Barbara Butler, and Marie Carlson. The play was a very much enjoyed comedy, successful both dramatically and financially.

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The proceeds from the play provided a banquet for the football team, at which time, their coach, Mr. Hawks, who resigned at Christmas, was presented a watch as a farewell gift from the school. The field hockey team was also given a banquet, at which time the coach from Danvers High School gave an interesting talk on the origin of field hockey. Miss Williams and Mrs. Boyd were our chaperones and, together with the guest speaker, were the recipients of beautiful corsages. Members of the play cast were treated to a trip to Boston where they saw a movie, "The Time, The Place and the Girl", after which they went to Pieroni's for supper.

The boy's basketball team had a fine season this year with only three defeats out of thirteen games. The sophomore boys on the junior varsity team were Wally Flynn, Gelean Campbell, Bobby Trussel, Bill Rauscher, and Dwight Campbell. The sophomore girls who played on the girls basketball team were Barbara Butler, Ann Edmondson, Gere Sargent, Barbara Haley Claire Thayer, and Marlene Wilson.

A public speaking contest was sponsored by the school in December. A few sophomores participated and George Bilodeau won second prize. This contest showed the result of much preparation; the participants gained considerable training and did excellent work.

The annual magazine drive went off with a bang, and the profits are to be used to purchase an electric score board for athletic games. As the juniors sold the most magazines in the school, they were given half the profits of all sales for their prom.

The annual school exhibition was held on February 23. Many beautiful drawings, notebooks, and other work done by the pupils were displayed. A very exciting basketball game was played by the seventh graders in the gym after the exhibition and all classes contributed some sort of an exhibit of their gym work.

A boy's and girls' glee club organized in September. These clubs have contributed to various programs. After the Christmas vacation, they went right to work on the operetta, "Pirates of Penzance", which was presented on March 7 & 8. The operetta proved a very successful affair. These boys and girls deserve a great deal of credit for their fine work, and Miss Austin certainly knows what she is talking about when it comes to music!

In the spring, a baseball team will be organized and everyone is looking forward to seeing the boys get out on the field and be just as successful in baseball as they were in basketball. Altogether, our sophomore year has been full of activities; and, in the meantime, I can assure you, our studies have not allowed to be neglected. If you doubt it--ask the faculty!

Marie Carlson, '49

1950

When we came back to school in September 1946, we were the proud members of the ninth grade. We were divided into two groups, the pupils whose initials ran from A to H having Mr. Malone, and the rest having Mr. Martini for class advisors. One of the first things we did was to elect class officers: Pete Nielson, president; Tom Brown, vice president; Rita Cullinane, secretary; and Roberta Cronin, treasurer.

Because we had chosen different courses we were now separated into smaller class groups. The college group had Mr. O'Neil for science, while the commercial students had him for junior business. All had Miss Anderson for civics, although not all had her the same period. Mrs. Boyd was the college English teacher and Miss Austin taught the general English. A new subject, the Rinehart method of penmanship, was added to the curriculum this year for the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. We spent every homeroom period practicing for penmanship improvement, and our writing has improved very much.

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Now that we were in the ninth grade we were free to join many more activities. At the beginning of the year, many of the girls joined the glee club. The only one in our room to enter the boys' glee club was James Tate. Nearly all the boys in our class went out for some kind of sport. We were very proud when Jimmy Tate made the football team. In girls' field hockey, Dagmar Schofield held the honors for making the first team.

After Christmas vacation, we began to prepare for the annual public speaking contest. After much suspense and excitement, it was announced that Roberta Cronin had won the first prize. Roberta also won third prize in the final contest in which she met the senior contestants.

After the public speaking was over, we had mid-year exams. They lasted three days and we were all glad when they were over.

Towards the middle of February we had a magazine drive. Because the juniors had been promised half the profits if they sold the greatest number of subscriptions, they really went to town in getting those subscriptions, but the freshmen gave them an exciting contest.

At the end of the drive, the juniors were first with the freshman a close second. Those who sold subscriptions won very handsome prizes.

We were all represented at the annual school exhibition on February 24th. After the parents had been taken through the rooms, they were ushered to the kitchen where they were treated to punch and school-made cookies. In the auditorium, a basketball game was played between the seventh and eighth graders. Then the orchestra played several stirring marches followed by one of the school songs. Following this, the gym exercises, under the direction of Mr. Martini and Miss Williams ended the very successful evening.

In the future, the class of 1950 hopes to contribute more members to the orchestra and boys' glee club. The boys are all working to make the varsity team. Our aim is to all graduate together in 1950.

Joan De Courcy, '50

1951

In the eighth grade we begin to grow into a tougher responsibility for more work. For example, first, we must have our homework in on time, and if we haven't we mustn't expect a second chance; and second, if we volunteer to do anything, we must follow and do it. In other words, we will have more and more homework assignments and jobs to do in the future, so we must begin now to take on harder responsibilities and accomplish them.

Also in the eighth grade we begin to see an end of school. In the first, second, third, and up to the seventh grades, we haven't even thought about the end of school and of graduation. In the eighth grade we begin to think of what we are going to be when we are grown up and are older. Here are some of the things we are going to be: An architect, a nurse, a laboratory technician, a test pilot, a farmer, a farmer's wife, and a scientist.

In the eighth grade we have to depend on study periods more often as we have more work to do. Therefore, we develop a growing appreciation of a study period.

We of the eighth grade have become more interested in sports. The boys have basketball, baseball, and football. The girls have tennis, soccer, and volleyball. But that isn't enough of sports. There are lots more that we would enjoy; for example: A rifle club, an archery club, a swimming club, a boat club, hobby club and many others that the eighth grade could and should have.

David E. Kinsella Jr., '51

1952

The seventh grade entered Hamilton Junior High School on September 3, 1946. We found right away that there is quite a contrast between junior high and the Jonathan Lamson School. We were first ushered into room 13, which was to be our homeroom, with Mr. O'Neil as our advisor.

Later we found that we change rooms for different subjects. This seemed wonderful to us, because at the Lamson School we were in one room all the time. We have six periods scheduled for a day; but, due to the rotating system, we have only four of the periods in a single day. The periods are: arithmetic, with Mrs. Ramer; English, with Mrs. Boys; sewing, with Miss Boswell; gym, with Miss Williams and Mr. Martini; geography, with Miss Anderson; and science, with Mr. Bennett. Having a different teacher in each subject made us feel really grown up, because at the Lamson School we had only one teacher and she taught all subjects.

As far as activities go, we girls really have not had any as yet. The boys, however, have had the chance to form a basketball team. We know the boys are hoping they will be able to have a real junior high basketball team. Perhaps another year, it will be possible to have a girls' junior high basketball team. My, how we would enjoy that!

Another new surprise for us was the assemblies which we have every other Friday. We think this is a wonderful idea. I believe that if we were asked which assembly we liked best, it would be hard to answer; but, however, I think the answer would be Mr. O'Neils'--I think this would be the favorite because the seventh grade took part in it!

Lunch periods--another change! We may talk at the lunch table now; we think this makes the lunch period pleasanter and happier. Also, we found another surprise; we get two scoops of ice-cream for dessert; at the Lamson School we rated only one! This is something worth mentioning!

Again we feel very grown up! We have lockers, a place to keep our coats, rubbers, and personal belongings locked up! But there is a draw-back to it; and that is if one loses his locker key (which may easily happen!) he either has to borrow the master key and spend a half hour in detention, or pay for another key.

An idea which we think is a very nice one, is the Honor Roll Card System. It is very nice to receive such a card, for you know you have achieved a high grade. The seventh grade is well represented on the honor roll; in fact, we have the greatest number of pupils per grade on it. This makes us very proud and ambitious also.

Another activity in the high school is the public speaking contest. Twelve pupils from our grade enrolled in it, and three out of the twelve won the first three prizes. The first prize went to Janice Blenkhorn, second to Maurice Sabean, and third to Ruth Crowell. We think it is a good idea to start this when we're young for it will enable us to have confidence, poise, and self-assurance when we grow older and have to make a speech or give a talk sometime. It is also fun just because it is a contest, for contests are usually interesting and exciting.

All in all, we find the junior high pretty special and lots of fun. Maybe the best part about it is that it makes us feel good to think we have finally reached one goal in our life--the junior high! So even though we are considered the "Hamilton High Babies," we feel grown up! Our next goal, of course, will be senior high, and then we will be grown up!

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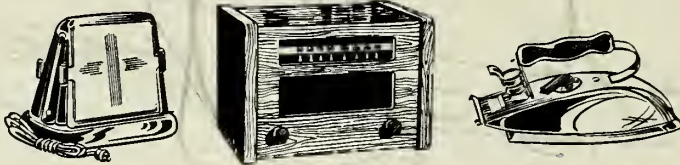
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